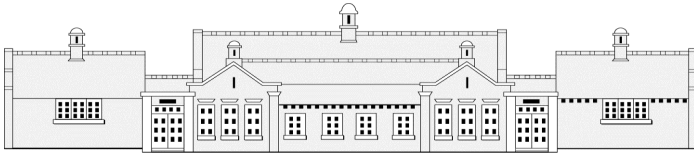


Sir John Barrow Primary School



A Great Start to 2016

I hope you all had an enjoyable break, enjoying time with family and friends over the festive period and have had a good start to 2016.

Here at SJB life is full as we continue to work tirelessly to ensure we are the best school community we can possibly be.

I have had the privilege of spending a significant amount of time in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) this half term, and have been delighted by what I have seen. The children are receiving consistently excellent teaching on a day to day basis and the children, without exception, show a hunger to learn.

We have also welcomed outside expertise and advice to support us in going from strength to strength on our learning journey, including Mrs Janine Pierce, National Lead in Education, from Yarlside Academy, Barrow and Andrell Education consultants Ros Wilson, Tracey Sharkey, Ben Harding and Sarah Threlkeld Brown. Each recognised the high expectations in school and the positive attitudes to learning displayed by our students.

Well done SJB

**Children in Year 5
enjoying their Viking
Day experience**



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This newsletter is also available on our website -

www.sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk

IMPORTANT Lunch Shop - New Online Ordering system for School Meals



The new online ordering and payment system goes live on
MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Lunch Shop allows parents to go online to make secure payments and order their child's school meals. Pre-ordering of dinners is available 2 weeks in advance.

ALL parents/carers will need to book a meal online for their child even if the meal is free. (Please see previous letter issued with your user ID and password).

Please speak to a member of the Admin team if you need any further information.

EYFS — items needed

Our Early Years Department would welcome donations of spare items of uniform including PE items.

They also need empty soap dispenser bottles with pumps.

Please pass items to Mrs Dobson, Early Years Leader/Reception class teacher



Ulverston Wolverines Mini Rugby

Train Thursday 6-7pm on the Astroturf

Children in Years 1—6 welcome

Fun and friendly

For further information contact: Laura 07782 116286

School Partnerships

Having been recognised by Andrell Education for our success in raising standards using the **Big Writing** and **Big Maths** approaches, we have been asked to be a **partner school** and share our learning with others. This involves sharing our learning journey with other schools across the country, by offering open days throughout the year, allowing practitioners to come and see our teaching and learning in action. As a school we benefit from first hand advice from top Andrell educationalists, who are experts in their field.

Yarlside Teaching School

Yarlside Academy became a teaching school in October 2015, in order to provide high-quality training and development to new and experienced school staff. We have joined the teaching school as a **strategic partner** which involves support the teaching school in performing aspects of their role. For SJB, this will initially involve sharing successful practice and facilitating high quality professional development, particularly in the area of maths. This school year Mr Connell has welcomed sixteen Teachers from six Local schools to observe maths lessons and share in our Big Maths learning journey.



SJB School Blog

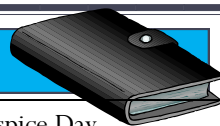
Keep up to date with events at SJB.

Have a look at the SJB School Blog.

You can access the blog by going on the school website where there is a link at the bottom of the home page, or by accessing:

www.sjbprimaryblog.com

DATES FOR DIARIES



Friday 29th January	Hats for St Mary's Hospice Day
Friday 29th January, 2.45pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Monday 1st February	Go Live Date—Online Ordering System
Friday 5th February, 8.45am—9.45am	Governors Coffee and Chat
Monday 8th February, 3.15pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 11th February, 9.05am	Early Years/KS 1 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 11th February	PTA Valentines Disco, Years 1—6
Friday 12th February, 9.05am	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Friday 12th February	Science Day
Monday 15th -Friday 19th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 22nd—Thursday 25th February	Year 5 Cyclewise
Monday 22nd February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 24th February	Parents Evening
Friday 26th February, 2.45pm	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 4th March, 2.45pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 9th March	Years 3 & 4 Liverpool Synagogue and 'Annie' theatre trip
Wednesday 9th March, evening	Year 5 UVHS Dance Platform
Friday 11th March	Year 5 Taster Day UVHS
Friday 11th March, 2.45pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Monday 14th March	South Cumbria Music Festival
Friday 18th March, 2.45pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
Monday 21st March, 8.45am—9.45am	Governors Coffee and Chat
Thursday 24th March	Last day of term
Friday 25th March – Friday 8th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 11th April	Start of Summer Term

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL

Headteacher: Miss H Pemberton, B.Ed, N.P.Q.H.